

1 **ABSTRACT**

2 Task sequences are used to manage devices. According to one aspect, a
3 user-defined or user-selected task sequence is received. The task sequence is
4 converted into an ordered series of steps, and the series of steps are performed, in
5 accordance with their order, in managing a device over a network. In certain
6 implementations, the ordered series of steps are steps for automatically deploying
7 an operating system on the device.
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